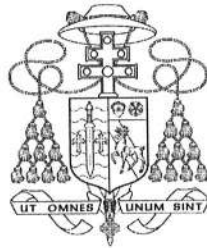


# ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

## CLERGY BULLETIN



September 10, 2009

### COMPREHENSIVE ASSIGNMENT BOARD

Reverend and dear Fathers,

On November 6, 2002, the Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, established the Comprehensive Assignment Board (CAB) of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. While the Ordinary of the diocese has the exclusive right to appoint priests and deacons to canonical appointments, the Comprehensive Assignment Board was created to assist the Archbishop with the selection process by providing counsel and offering recommendations regarding specific appointments.

Now that several years have past, I believe it is time to make the foreseen clarifications and changes to the rules of operation of the CAB. Primarily, from this time forward, the CAB will be composed of not less than nine members, all of whom are appointed by the Archbishop.

The President of the Comprehensive Assignment Board is the Archbishop.

The Director of Clergy Placement Services will serve *ex officio*, as will the Director of Diaconate, Director of the Office for Priestly Life and Ministry, and the Director of the Parish Services Team. At times one or more of these positions may be occupied by the same individual.

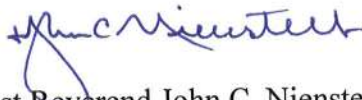
Five priests will also be appointed to the Board, with nominations for the five positions being made to the Archbishop by the Presbyteral Council. It is recommended that the Presbyteral Council nominate more than five individuals, so that the Archbishop may properly exercise his discretion in making the appointments. The Archbishop, at his discretion, may choose to appoint more than five priests to serve for a period of time.

One deacon, nominated by the Deacon Council but appointed by the Archbishop, will also serve on the CAB. Again, the Deacon Council is advised to nominate more than one individual when a replacement is needed.

When pastoral circumstances seem to require it, the Archbishop may also choose to appoint a lay ecclesial minister to the Comprehensive Assignment Board.

With the exception of the *ex officio* positions, those individuals appointed by the Archbishop to serve on the CAB will do so for an initial three- year term, subject to renewal for an additional term, *ad nutum episcopi*.

Given at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, 2009. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.



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